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Chicago, Ill. . . .



## NATIONAL HOME FUND RAISING DINNERS

At Chicago, National Memorial Home Chairman John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., third from left, accepts check for \$1,000 from Anthony A. Paterno, state chairman, who made the personal contribution at a dinner honoring Brother Volpe. At left are Supreme Trustee Peter Porzio and Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, chairman of region 3; at right, Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella.

## Supreme Council Executive Committee

### Meet in Providence Feb. 6, 7

The Supreme Council's Executive Committee will meet in Providence, R. I., Feb. 6 and 7, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi has announced.

This will be the first time a Supreme Lodge function has been held in Rhode Island in 19 years. Scene of the two-day meeting will be the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.

High on the agenda will be the fund raising campaign to build a national home in Washington, D. C. John A. Volpe, chairman the nation-wide campaign, will make a full-dress report on the progress of the campaign.

Trustees of the newly organized

Sons of Italy Foundation will also meet during the two-day sessions.

The trustees are Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartini, Philadelphia, Pa., and Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.

Grand Venerable Luigi Scala of the Rhode Island Order is assist-

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## TV Program is Cancelled

### Bay State Story

On the morning of Tuesday, December 8, information reached A. Alfred Marcello, chairman of the Order's National Public Relations Committee, that station WBZ-TV, Boston would televise a program on the night of December 10, that dealt with the Mafia.

Within minutes after receiving the information, Chairman Marcello set in motion a protest which resulted in the cancellation of the program.

Here is what happened.

Marcello immediately met with his assistant, Albert A. Maino, secretary of the National Public Relations Committee. A plan of attack was formulated.

Key officials of the Order

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### Rhode Island Story

The time 4:01 p.m. The date, Thursday, December 10, 1959. A memo had just reached National Public Relations Chairman Marcello. It read:

"For your information WJAR-TV station in Providence, R. I., is telecasting the film series, 'This Man Dawson' tonight at 7 o'clock."

Time 4:03 p.m. Marcello telephoned his assistant, Al Maino. A hurried consultation.

Time 4:04 p.m. Maino put in a call for Grand Venerable Luigi Scala of Rhode Island. Maino explained the situation. Obviously the cards were stacked because of the lateness of the hour, but Scala was asked if there was anything he could

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## Tampa, Fla. . . .



And at Tampa, National Chairman Volpe, seated at left, attended the Grand Lodge's kick-off dinner. Seated, left to right, Volpe, Grand Venerable John B. Sartor, Ft. Lauderdale, state chairman, and Frank P. Settecasti, venerable of Tampa Lodge; standing, left to right, Past Grand Venerable Alex Demmi, Supreme Trustee Luigi A. Fiorentino, Miami, and Ex-Grand Venerable Daniel DiBona.

## To Our Readers . . .

We thank all Grand Lodges, individual lodges and members who responded to our New Year appeal for advertising. Because of space we had to withhold a number of ads from this edition. These ads, many of which arrived after the deadline, will be published in the February edition.

The Director

# National Home Fund Campaign Gets Underway

## State Chairmen Are Announced; Volpe In Personal Appearances To Aid Drive

The Order's nation-wide campaign to raise funds for the Sons of Italy Foundation to erect a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C., is underway.

National Chairman John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., has announced the appointment of all state chairmen and the breakdown of quota allotments to each Grand Lodge of the \$400,000 national goal.

To stimulate maximum interest in the national drive, Volpe has made a number of personal

A report and a photograph of Brother Volpe's visit to San Francisco, Calif., was received too late for insertion in this issue. The material will be published in the February issue.

appearances in various parts of the country.

In a progress report, the National Chairman said he has visited the Grand Lodges of Florida, Illinois and California.

These visitations and future visits planned by Volpe, are made at his own personal expense.

Volpe said he was greeted with enthusiasm on his tour.

On his return from Florida, he said he received a letter from Grand Venerable John B. Sartor of Ft. Lauderdale, state chairman, who said, "We have already received hundreds of dollars contributed toward the National Home and I have reason to believe that by the first of March 1960 our quota (\$4,200) for the

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## Priest Gives \$50 To Home Fund

The National Memorial Home Committee announced receipt of a \$50 contribution to the fund drive by the Rev. Fr. John J. Capuano, curate of St. Anthony's Church, Fitchburg, Mass.

National Chairman John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., commenting on the substantial donation, said: "We thank Father Capuano for his generous contribution, and we hope that it will inspire members of the Order throughout the country to give their wholehearted cooperation in this drive to erect a National Memorial Home in Washington, D.C."

Father Capuano, a long-time member of the Order, is a frequent contributor of articles written in Italian to OSIA NEWS.

Best Wishes For  
The New Year  
**AQUILEIA  
LADIES'**  
Lodge No. 935  
White Plains, N. Y.

A JOYOUS  
NEW YEAR

**DUCA OF  
ABRUZZI  
LODGE**  
No. 443

Endicott, N. Y.

*New Year Greetings to Members of the Order  
Throughout the United States and Canada*  
**Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania**  
**JUDGE EUGENE V. ALESSANDRONI**  
*Grand Venerable*  
**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

*New Year Greetings*  
**NICHOLAS A.  
MIGNONE**  
*Grand Trustee*  
**CAMDEN, N.J.**

**New Year  
Greetings**

**SONS  
OF ITALY  
LODGE**

**No. 487**

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**NEW YEAR GREETINGS**  
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**REYNOLDSVILLE, PA.**

**NEW YEAR GREETINGS  
TO ALL**  
**CESARE BATTISTI**  
**LODGE NO. 620**  
Tomaso Spina  
Venerable  
Nacher Del Governatore  
Recording Secretary  
**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

*New Year Greetings*  
**Corona D'Italia**  
**Lodge No. 807**  
**ELLWOOD CITY, PA.**

*New Year  
Wishes*

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**Lodge**  
**No. 447**

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**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

*Holiday Greetings*

**Grand Venerable**  
**Carmine A. Ventiera**  
**BROOKLYN, N. Y.**

*Greetings for the  
New Year*  
**ENRICO  
MILLO LODGE**  
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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**  
**MARIO RAPISARDI**  
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**Curwensville, Pa.**

**A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
TO ALL**

**Dante Alighieri Lodge**  
**No. 436**  
**OSWEGO, N. Y.**

*New Year Wishes*  
**GIUSEPPE  
GARIBALDI**  
**LODGE No. 198**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**GIUSEPPE MAZZINI**  
**LODGE NO. 231**  
Joseph N. Mascioli, venerable; Angelo LaMonico, assistant venerable; Nicola Gismondi, ex-venerable; Frank Congelio, orator; Frank Rogers, recording secretary; Pete Conchilla, financial secretary; Elmo Petrone, treasurer; Vincent Weaver, Pasquale Palumbo, Ernest Mollica, Pete Lapenta, John Sileo, trustees; Giulio Leonelli, Pasquale Giachetti, masters of ceremony; Paul Pizichetti, guard.  
**UNIONTOWN, PA.**

**A JOYOUS AND PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR TO MEMBERS  
OF THE ORDER**

**GLEN COVE**  
**LODGE No. 1016**

**Andrew C. Bongiorno**  
*Venerable*

**GLEN COVE, N. Y.**

**BEST  
WISHES  
FOR A  
HAPPY  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON**  
FROM THE  
**1500 MEMBERS**  
OF  
**ANTONIO  
MEUCCI  
LODGE**  
**No. 306**  
**A. DURANTE**  
*Venerable*  
**Norristown, Pa.**

*A Prosperous New Year*  
**GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI GIOVANE**  
**ITALIA LODGE No. 881**  
**NEW KENSINGTON, PA.**

*New Year Greetings*  
**The C & C**  
**Manufacturing & Builder's**  
**Supply Company**  
**Joseph Cernuto**  
*Supreme Treasurer*  
**TARRS, PA.**

# Order's Program Is Cited

The following letter to Walter Winchell, the columnist, was written by the Order's National Chairman on Public Relations. The letter was sent to Winchell as the result of certain comments he made in a recent column. Winchell's comments appear elsewhere on this page.

In the letter to Winchell, Public Relations Chairman Marcello pointed out that if the columnist cared to reply to what the Order had to say his reply would be published in OSIA NEWS. At press time Winchell had not replied.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

As one veteran newspaperman to another please allow me the indulgence of bringing certain facts to your attention.

In one of your recent columns you made some observations in answer to a letter from Mr. Edward Corsi in which Mr. Corsi referred to the Order Sons of Italy in America's concern over the television series called "The Untouchables."

In your column you quote Mr. Corsi as saying that "the news sheet of the Order Sons of Italy in America suspects a possible anti-Italian slant in the series..."

I don't know how familiar Mr. Corsi is with what our organization is trying to do. Nor do I know how conversant you are with our organization's program.

But let me say this. The last thing in the world we are concerned about, collectively or individually, is any anti-Italian sentiment in the Desilu series or any other series for that matter.

## Stereotyping

What we are concerned about is the constant stereotyping of Italians as criminals. Because of this, millions of law abiding Americans are being stigmatized by reckless and irresponsible license taken by writers and Hollywood and TV producers.

For the past two years liberal theatrie and literary license has been taken with fact, particularly with the Mafia.

This has been going on for two years now and no end seems to be in sight. A monstrous bogey man has been spawned. This is the Mafia bogey man and this bogey man has tainted the lives of millions of Americans of Italian origin.

At this point I would like to inject a personal note. I have been a newspaperman for 36 years. For the past 25 years I served newspapers in Rhode Island and in Massachusetts as a city editor. I am presently the day city editor of a Central Massachusetts daily. I have made a point of this merely to show that I am in a position to know what is going on. Also I have always tried to be objective in my work.

Some two years ago we started to make inquiries into so-called crime syndicates and the Mafia. We checked good, substantial

sources. These same sources are open to any newspaperman worth his salt.

## No Evidence

Our check showed that there wasn't the slightest evidence to substantiate charges made that crime in the United States was controlled by the Mafia. One other facet of our check was to see what harm, if any, had been done to the character of those Americans of Italian origin, by reckless misuse of the word Mafia. We found conclusively that a great deal of damage had been done. The Mafia bogey man had insinuated itself into the daily lives of many innocent persons.

An intolerable situation had been created. As a result, our organization decided that something had to be done to puncture the myth of the Mafia.

A program was setup. The program was given the unqualified support of top officials of our organization. A number of these men occupy responsible public posts. Among them are members of the Federal judiciary and the judiciary of various states.

I was put in charge of this campaign because of my position as the director of the organization's national newspaper and also as chairman of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations.

## Order's Program

The program we set into motion was predicated on the sincere belief that those who had helped to nurture the Mafia bogey man had done so unwittingly. We believed that once we set the record straight we would win friends for our cause.

At the outset we made it quite clear that we would not try at any time to defend the Mafia organization as it was known in Sicily. Nor would we at any time try to condone the actions of the criminal element in this country just because they happened to bear Italian names.

At all times we have tried to make it crystal clear that no law abiding American of Italian origin wanted any truck with criminals and that our organization stands ready at any time to help enforcement agencies to get rid of the criminal element in this country regardless of where the chips may fall.

We recognize that there are a number of criminals bearing Italian names. We also recognize that there are so-called crime syndicates and that it is possible that men with Italian names control some of these syndicates.

## Character Defamation

But may I make this observation. Assuming that there are Italians in control of some of the crime syndicates is this any reason why some 16 millions of Americans of Italian background

should suffer character assassination day in and day out by material that is not consistent with established fact?

And what other group besides the Italians in the United States have been so slandered and defamed?

And how long do you believe the virile and resourceful Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith would tolerate such a situation?

Let me cite the following:

The Attorney General of the United States has publicly stated that "there is no organization in the United States consisting solely of criminals of any particular nationality."

Members of the McClellan Committee have told this writer that the prolonged hearing of the Committee did not bring to light the slightest evidence to indicate that the Mafia did exist in the United States.

Former FBI Agent Virgil Peterson, among others, has publicly debunked the existence of the Mafia in this country.

## Mafia a Myth

In our files are letters and other material to bolster the contention that the Mafia is a myth, and something that was conjured up by Federal narcotic agents to win support for increased Congressional appropriations.

The Mafia has become an ugly word. Whenever it is used it is immediately associated with men and women of Italian origin.

We submit that the continued use of the word Mafia without regard for established facts serves no good purpose except to arouse racial antipathy.

Writers have had a field day with the word. No matter what happens these days, writers use the gimmick of the Mafia. Sylvia Porter recently wrote a series of articles charging that "Mafia leaders were getting into Wall Street."

The wire services have from time to time carried stories of

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throughout Massachusetts were reached by telephone and told of the program.

The program, called "This Man Dawson," is a series of one-half hour films, syndicated to television stations throughout the United States, and offered to sponsors in the particular communities.

The sponsor for the showing was H. P. Hood and Sons, Boston.

The first person to be contacted was Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass. He was told of the problem and was asked to reach as many members as possible in the Boston area to protest the showing by telegrams or telephone calls.

The Supreme Venerable, among others, contacted Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, who in turn set the machinery of the Grand Lodge into motion.

In every case, the persons contacted were asked to reach two or three others.

Members of the Order and other Italian-American organizations in the Worcester area were reached by phone. They were told what to do.

Among those contacted were the venerables of the four Worcester area lodges: Miss Gladys T. Bello, Princess Marie Gabriele

## What Winchell Wrote

The following was culled from a recent column by Walter Winchell. It is published here exactly as it was carried in the Winchell syndicated column.

The Dept. of Labor's Edward Corsi sends a newspaper clipping, the author of which appears concerned about the Italian characters in Desilu's teevie hit, "The Untouchables"... Mr. Corsi writes: "Dear Walter: This item in the news sheet of the Order of Sons of Italy suspects a possible anti-Italian slant in the series and asks that members be on guard. Do you mind telling me what it is all about and is there any foundation for fears of our friends. Cordially."

Dear Mr. Corsi: I am the narrator of these teevie films which quote the authors, who base their themes on court and police records. And newspaper reports. Al Capone, whose gangster inspired the late Elliott Ness (Federal Agent) to jot it all down in his book—was born of Italian parents. Many of Capone's confederates were Italian. But the "Untouchables" is not anti-anybody. Except, of course, criminals and racketeers... The series recently included the criminal history of Ma Barker and her sons. All Southerners... "The Lepke Case" (a Desilu film) to be shown on the 20th (over Channel 2) shows how Lepke (Jewish) was talked into surrendering to the G-Men... John Dillinger was an American... "Pretty Boy" Floyd was Irish... "The Untouchables" has shown several brave and dedicated Federal agents—many of them Italian-Americans. Salut!

the Mafia threat in Hawaii and in the Philippines. Fiction writers have seized upon the "Mafia trend" and come up with trash.

Not one of them has ever backed up their materials with the slightest evidence.

## Too Much To Take

We submit that this is too much to take. Admittedly the Italian people are a sensitive people, but how much are they expected to endure?

We have kept on top of the TV series "The Untouchables" because advance publicity from the American Broadcasting Co., indicated that at least one of the series was concerned with so-called Mafia operations in Chicago.

We had no case with the first of the series, the hour long show which had to do with Al Capone and his henchmen. Our organization has adopted a realistic approach to the problem. Capone existed; he was a criminal. No case there.

But to inject the Mafia theme to ad glamor or box-office appeal, that's another story. We have a case there. No one has

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Here is a list of objectionable reading and entertainment material.

### Movies

"Inside the Mafia," a feature length film released by United Artists. This is one of the most flagrant abuses of theatrie license to be filmed.

### Books and Magazines

"Brotherhood of Evil: The Mafia." Another example of what happens when liberal literary license is taken. Will soon be made into a movie.

"Teen-Age Mafia." Pocket-sized book published by Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Conn. Objectionable on all counts.

Gorrasi received a call from Mr. Eaton who said the film had been previewed and that the company was cancelling its showing.

Later in the day, Maino received a telephone call from Mr. Corcoran. The company official stated that the film had been previewed by the company with a small group in attendance. Following the showing, Mr. Corcoran said, it was decided to cancel the telecast.

He thanked the Order for bringing the telecast to the attention of the company and stated that it was not the intent of H. P. Hood and Sons to "hurt" any nationality group.

Upon notification that the program had been cancelled, Marcello wrote to H. P. Hood and Sons thanking the company on behalf of the Order for their cooperation and "understanding of our problem."

A copy of this letter will be published in the February edition of OSIA NEWS.

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do to have the showing cancelled.

Scala, the president of a Providence bank and with a wide acquaintance among influential persons in Rhode Island, said that he would give it a try.

The time 4:30 p.m. Scala telephoned the office of OSIA NEWS. Scala informed Maino that officials of WJAR had agreed to cancel the film in question.

"They were only too happy to cooperate," Scala reported.

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The following day, Wednesday, December 9, Supreme Venerable

## Judge Alessandrini Honored By ACIM At Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA — President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, was among a group honored at a dinner as outstanding Italian immigrants of the past 50 years.

The dinner, held at the Hotel Sheraton here, was sponsored by the American Committee on Italian Migration. Judge Alessandrini spoke for the group.

## Mrs. Ciccarone Speaker at Uniontown, Pa.

UNIONTOWN, Pa.—Mrs. Mary B. Ciccarone of Norristown, president of the Pennsylvania Women's Division, was principal speaker at the 25th anniversary banquet sponsored by the Maria Montessori Lodge No. 1711 at the White Hotel.

Other speakers included Assistant Grand Venerable Albert Chennet of Latrobe; Mary Paulo, past venerable; Mayor J. Watson Sembower; Grand Trustee Anthony DeOre of Dunbar; Venerable Mary Girard; Adalgisa Citro, past venerable; Pasquale D'Auria, who was venerable of Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge No. 231 when it sponsored the ladies' lodge in 1934, and Josephine Fee, general chairman.

Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto of Mt. Pleasant, Grand Deputy Nina Camino and Ralph Bill of the FUM Commission were among the guests.

Presentations were made to Adalgisa Citro and Filomena G. Genelli, lodge founders, and special awards were given to Julia Silyer, Rose Peccon and Frances Velucci for long and faithful service.

Eugene Franks, principal of Masontown High School, was master of ceremonies and the Rev. Fr. Raphael Marzilli, assistant pastor of St. Therese's Roman Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

## Pennsylvania

### District No. 12 Inducts 50

UNIONTOWN, Pa.—More than 50 new members have been inducted into the Order by lodges of District No. 12, according to reports submitted by venerables at a recent district meeting.

Grand Trustee Anthony L. DeOre, Connellsville, presided.

District officers elected at the session were, Mary Girard, Uniontown, first vice chairman; Bruna Tressinuto, Star Junction, second vice chairman; Emma Tylka, Labella, secretary-treasurer; Oneil Angeline, Fairchance; Pasquale Palumbo, Uniontown, and Peter Rebottini, Star Junction, trustees.

## Glen Cove, N. Y. Christmas Party

GLEN COVE, N. Y.—Members of Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016 held their annual Christmas dinner-dance at the Holiday Inn. Joseph A. Salamone was general chairman.

The lodge also sponsored the sale of Christmas trees to raise funds for its scholarship fund. Louis Renaldo and Angelo Zucala were co-chairmen.



## HOME

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state of Florida will be fully achieved."

At Chicago, Volpe attended a dinner in his honor and was presented a check for \$1,000 for the National Home fund by Anthony A. Paterno, state chairman.

Volpe reported that the Grand Lodge of the Northwest has raised \$902 of its \$3,500 quota. Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Seattle, supreme trustee, is state chairman.

## Tampa, Fla.

TAMPA, Fla.—John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., National Home chairman for the campaign to raise funds for the Sons of Italy Foundation, was principal speaker at a kick-off dinner sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Volpe expressed the hope that the Florida Order would top its quota of \$4200 in the 400,000 drive throughout the country to erect a national memorial home in Washington, D.C.

Grand Venerable John B. Sartor of Ft. Lauderdale, state chairman for the fund drive, welcomed the national chairman.

Other guests were Supreme Trustee Luigi A. Fiorentino, Miami; Past Grand Venerable Alex Demmi, Ex-Grand Venerable Daniel DiBona and Frank P. Settecasi, venerable of Tampa Lodge.

## Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO — Anthony A. Paterno, Illinois chairman for the national home drive, presented a personal contribution of \$1000 to National Chairman John A. Volpe at a dinner held at the Como Inn.

The dinner, attended by Supreme and Grand Lodge officers and representatives of 14 lodges, was held in honor of the national chairman, who spoke on the progress of the drive.

Volpe was introduced by Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, who is chairman of region 3.

Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella extended the greetings of the Grand Lodge.

State Chairman Paterno said the dinner was held primarily to instill interest in the drive, but that "we do not want you to leave empty handed."

Paterno then presented a check for \$1000 to Volpe as his personal contribution to the drive.

The Illinois Grand Lodge quota has been set at \$7000.

## Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, Va. — Donations and pledges totaling more than \$200 to the Order's National Memorial Home fund drive were made by members of Roma Lodge No. 254 at a recent lodge meeting. Speaking on the proposed na-

## MORTGAGE BURNING AT MT. UNION, PA.

Grand Deputy Jerry C. Risoldi, Altoona, seated center, holds burning mortgage of Unione E Fratellanza Lodge No. 1257 of Mt. Union, Pa. Seated, left to right, Virginia Imperioli, treasurer; Louis Ticconi, recording secretary; Angelo Viola, assistant venerable; John Imperioli, venerable; Grand Deputy Risoldi; Ben Bellucci, trustee; Andy Magliere, orator; Louis Bellucci, financial secretary; Sam Pellegrino, venerable of Altoona Lodge No. 958; second row, left to right, Anna Todoro, Lena Imperioli, Josephine Neason, Concetta Bellucci, trustees; Ettore DeVecchis, Mrs. DeVecchis, Gysbe Pagano, Margaret Bellucci, past officers; rear, left to right, Sam Imperioli, Joseph Zinobile, Mrs. Zinobile, Frank Rittazzo, past officers; Alice Beatty, guard; Kathryn Todoro, master of ceremony; Mary Pagano and Louise Rittazzo, past officers.

## State Chairmen For Fund Drive

The following state chairmen have been named to head the National Memorial Home fund drive in their respective states:

### REGION 1

Regional Chairman, President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order.

### Connecticut

First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven.

### Massachusetts

First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester, and Second Assistant Grand Venerable Mrs. Madeline Miceli, Medford.

### New Jersey

Assistant Grand Venerable Joseph Cassini, Orange.

### New York

Andrew C. Bongiorno, Glen Cove.

### Pennsylvania

John P. Crisconi, Sr., Philadelphia.

### Rhode Island

Raymond J. Pettine, Providence.

### REGION 2

Regional Chairman, Special National Deputy William Amoroso, Washington, D. C.

### Alabama

Grand Orator James C. Baldone, Birmingham.

### Delaware

Grand Venerable Americo DiFrancesco, Wilmington.

### Florida

Grand Venerable John B. Sartor, Ft. Lauderdale.

tional home were Grand Venerable Frank Montagna and Venerable Anthony L. Falletta.

Venerable Falletta, a member of the state committee, announced the appointment of Anthony Mollura as lodge chairman for the fund drive. Others named to the committee were Joseph Galano, lodge orator; A. D. Minutolo and Chris LaRosa.

## Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Northwest Grand Lodge has collected \$902 to date towards its quota of \$3,500 for the National Memorial Home fund drive.

The drive for funds for the Sons of Italy Foundation is under the direction of Supreme Trustee, Dr. Nicholas Sarro,

### Maryland

Grand Trustee Marion Nasco, Baltimore.

### Virginia

Angelo Caliendo.

### West Virginia

Grand Venerable Angelo Viani, Fairmont.

### REGION 3

Regional Chairman, Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, Ill.

### Illinois

Anthony Paterno, Chicago.

### Indiana

Ex-Grand Venerable Dominic J. Colone, Ft. Wayne.

### Michigan

Frank S. Valenti, Detroit.

### Nebraska

Grand Treasurer Joseph Vancanti, Omaha.

### Ohio

Supreme Trustee Julius Pizzoferrato, Steubenville.

### Ontario

Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, Toronto.

### REGION 4

Regional Chairman, Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, Pittsburg, Calif.

### California

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, San Francisco.

### Washington

Supreme Trustee Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Seattle.

## National Home Quotas Set

The Order's \$400,000 goal for the Sons of Italy Foundation and erection of the National Memorial Home in Washington, D.C., has been apportioned to each of the Order's 21 Grand Lodges.

The breakdown by regions follows:

### REGION 1

Pennsylvania	\$125,000
Massachusetts	55,000
New Jersey	15,000
New York	15,000
Connecticut	9,000
Rhode Island	6,000

Total \$225,000

### REGION 2

West Virginia	\$6,000
Florida	4,200
Delaware	2,000
Alabama	1,500
Maryland	1,500
Virginia	1,500

Total \$16,700

### REGION 3

Ohio	\$15,000
Illinois	7,000
Ontario	3,500
Indiana	1,500
Michigan	1,500
Nebraska	1,000

Total \$29,500

### REGION 4

California	\$35,000
Washington	3,500

Total \$38,500

Grand Total \$309,700

The remaining \$90,300 will be raised by special gifts committees formed in each of the Grand Lodges.

## Christmas Parties At Syracuse, N. Y.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Christmas parties were held by Golden Jubilee Lodge and Onesta E Lavoro Lodge.

Members of Jubilee Lodge gathered at the Mayfair Inn and Lavoro Lodge members held their function at Aiello's Restaurant.

Jubilee Lodge also sponsored a ward party at the Veterans Hospital here.

GREETINGS  
DOMINICK M. ALBERTI  
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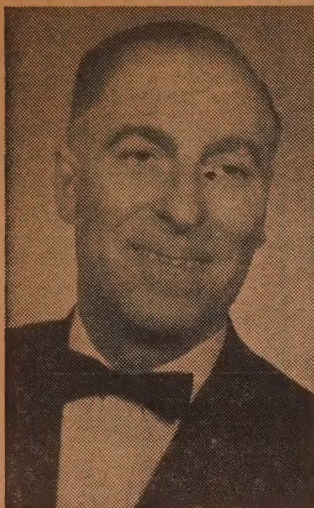
## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

"11 Maggio 1860"

Lodge No. 1065

Indiana Harbor, Ind.

## Members In the News



### AWARD RECIPIENT

Grand Trustee Nicholas A. Mignone of Camden, N. J., was honored at a dinner given by the Italian American Committee of Camden County. The Committee presented its annual award to Brother Mignone, president of the Camden Florist Supply Co., for "dedicated and devoted services to activities promoting the general welfare of the Italian-Americans in Camden County." He is a member of Alighieri-Garibaldi Lodge No. 494.



### NAMED TO HIGH POST

Atty. John Cianflona of Bexley, a member of the Ohio Order for the past 31 years, has been named to the state board of liquor control by Gov. Michael V. DiSalle. Brother Cianflona, in 1927, was the first Italo-American admitted to the Ohio Bar in Columbus. He is a veteran of both world wars. He is a past grand orator of Ohio, having served from 1928 to 1936. More recently he served as state chairman of the Ohio Grand convention held last August in Columbus.

### 40th Anniversary At Ambridge, Pa.

AMBRIDGE, Pa.—More than 75 members attended the 40th anniversary celebration sponsored by La Vittoria Lodge.

Mrs. Catherine Yacavoni, chairman of the event, presented a gift to Venerable Mary Panala. A special award of a \$25 savings bond was won by Mrs. James Iorfido.

In other lodge activities, a large delegation attended a pilgrimage to the Consolata Mission in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Rose Santarilli was chairman.

A covered-dish dinner highlighted the Christmas party for members at the lodge quarters. Mrs. Leonard Zuz was chairman.

## Rhode Island

### Italian Language Study

PAWTUCKET, R.I. — Three Sons of Italy lodges here have organized an evening school to advance the study of the Italian language amongst members of the community.

Sponsors are Roma Lodge, Adelaide Cairoli Lodge and Martha Washington Lodge. The Italian class, directed by Alvio Ortis, an Italian university graduate, is held in the quarters of Roma Lodge.

The class presently has an enrollment of 25 students. School committee officials anticipate

more than one class will have to be held soon because of the interest in the project.

Originator of the new program is Leo Turicchi, past venerable of Roma Lodge and a former officer of the Rhode Island Grand Council. He has been made chairman of the School Committee.

Other members are Mrs. Sarah Arrighi, venerable of Martha Washington Lodge, co-chairman; John Agostini, venerable of Roma Lodge, treasurer, and Mrs. Marion Ridolfi, venerable of Adelaide Cairoli Lodge, secretary.



**PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**  
Special National Deputy William Amoroso, center, wears Italy's Star of Solidarity medal presented by Italian Ambassador Manlio Brosio, right. At left is State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, East Cleveland, Grand Venerable of the Ohio Order.

### Connecticut Bowling Tournament

TORRINGTON, Conn. — A large gathering attended the dinner and dance climaxing the Connecticut Grand Lodge's annual Fall bowling tournament held at the Torrington Alleys. The dinner was held at the Concordia Lodge.

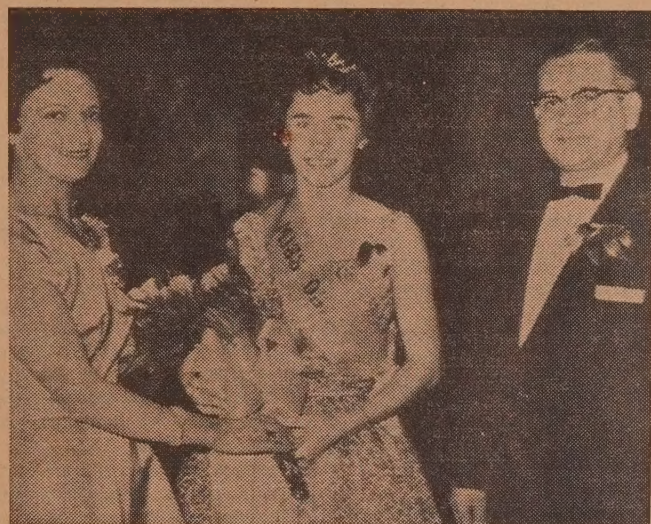
Winners of the twelve-team event were Bristol Men's Lodge, with a total pinfall of 1673; and Southington Ladies' Lodge captured the women's division with 1381.

Second place winners were Torrington Men's Lodge and Willimantic Ladies' Lodge.

Bill Palaia, Bristol, with 412, and Peggy Battista, Willimantic, with 328, were high triple winners in their respective divisions.

High singles honors were awarded to Andy Nuafora, Bridgeport, 138, and Rose Ferrari, Willimantic, 128.

Other cities represented were Norwalk, Derby, Danbury and New London.



**MISS OSIA CHOSEN AT TORONTO, CANADA**  
Miss Olinda Melita, named Miss OSIA at a dance sponsored by the Ontario Grand Lodge in Toronto, receives bouquet of roses from Mrs. R. Lalla, venerable of Fiorente Lodge, as Grand Venerable Anthony Farano looks on. The Fiorente Lodge also observed its 25th anniversary.

### New York

#### Scholarship Program

NEW YORK — The Grand Lodge of New York will award seven scholarships totalling \$2300 to deserving high school graduates this year.

The scholarship program, directed by Dr. Anthony P. Tesori of the New York Education Department, includes six \$250

awards, allocated two to each of the Grand Lodge's three districts, and one \$800 state-wide award.

The Scholarship Committee will begin receiving applications January 1st. Closing date for all applicants is April 30th.

### Atty. Amoroso Presented Star Of Solidarity

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Italian Ambassador Manlio Brosio presented his government's Star of Solidarity medal to Special National Deputy William Amoroso at ceremonies highlighting a recent meeting of Roma Lodge No. 71.

Brother Amoroso, a veteran member of the Order, was honored by the Republic of Italy for his assistance to Italian immigrants who have settled in the Washington area.

Amoroso is regional chairman of District No. 2 of the Order's National Home Committee.

State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, E. Cleveland, Grand Venerable of the Ohio Order, was a guest at the ceremonies.

### Plan Mardi Gras At Washington, D. C.

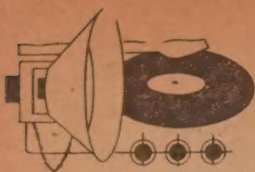
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Roma Lodge No. 71 will hold its annual Mardi Gras dinner-dance February 13 at the Willard Hotel.

Dr. Paul Manganaro is general chairman. Mrs. Josephine Carta and Mrs. Jene Lozupone are in charge of tickets.

**New Year Greetings**  
From  
**Roma Lodge No. 71**  
**In the Nation's Capital**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

**Will you join us in the following New Year's Resolution:**

**"I will make a substantial contribution for the National Home so that work may commence immediately; that I will attend the 1961 National Convention called to order in our new home; that at that time we will join with the Roma Lodge in celebrating its 50th Anniversary; that we will endeavor to make this resolution a MUST."**



## RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

There's a distinct Italian flavor to new releases from the major distributors of recorded music. The assortment offers operatic highlights, folk songs, and lush instrumental music.

London offers Giuseppe di Stefano, the tenor, in two recordings **OPERATIC RECITAL** and **LA VOCE D'ITALIA**.

Of the two we prefer **LA VOCE D'ITALIA**. Di Stefano is in good voice and does an excellent job with such favorites as *Parlami d'amore Mariu* and *Firenze Sogna*. The sound and orchestral accompaniment are tops.

The other diStefano recording has it moments of beauty. This is particularly true of his rendition of *E lucevan le stelle* from Puccini's *Turandot* and *Pourquoi me reveiller?* from the opera *Manon*.

Also out of the London hopper is another operatic gem—**OPERATIC RECITAL** with the incomparable soprano, Anita Cerquetti. The Orchestra of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino with Gianandrea Gavazzeni conducting provides a balanced backdrop for the powerful and dramatic voice of the Italian soprano.

Miss Cerquetti excels in all of the eight selections. Five are arias from Verdi productions including *Aida*, *I Vespri Siciliani* and *La Forza del Destino*.

Eterna Records dips into the past in the album **NEOPOLITAN SONGS BY THE IMMORTALS**. Featured are Enrico Caruso singing *La mia canzone* and *Santa Lucia*, among others; and the lesser known singers, Alessandro Bonci, Giovanni Zenatello, and Fernando DeLuca.

RCA Camden's **EZIO PINZA SINGS ITALIAN SONGS** will undoubtedly appeal to many because of the popularity of Pinza, one of the greats of the music world.

Tap Records' **TWENTY GREAT ITALIAN SINGERS SING ITALIAN SONGS** also features Caruso, Zenatello and DeLuca besides Rosa Ponselle and Scarlatti. **LOVE SONGS OF ITALY** is London's contribution to the brace of releases highlighting Italian songs.

This is an "offbeat" recording done to a mild rock 'n roll beat. Vico Torriani is the vocalist and his repertoire includes *Domani*, *Non Dimenticar*, *Coma Prima* and *Arrivederci Roma*.

**OPERA WITHOUT WORDS** is the second in a series of operatic music recorded by Kapp Records. This one, featuring the Rome Symphony Orchestra, highlights the top arias from *Rigoletto*. It's a routinish job. Frankly, the London recordings along similar lines are far superior.

### Bright Piano Concertos

No question about it — stereo has certainly enhanced piano recordings. Concertos by Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky are showy productions on stereo.

Tops among the new releases are three London recordings—**TCHAIKOVSKY'S PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1 IN B FLAT MINOR**; **SCHUMANN'S PIANO CERTO NO. 1 IN F SHARP MINOR**; and **RACHMANINOFF'S C O N C E R T O N O 1 I N F S H A R P M I N O R**.

The popular Tchaikovsky concerto gets handsome treatment by the pianist, Clifford Curzon. The

tone of the piano is bright and strong and the recording balance favors the soloist sufficiently to keep him in the forefront even during the more heavier orchestral passages. Georg Solti conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra to good advantage.

Friedrich Gulda is at the piano in the Schumann concerto. Gulda does an excellent job which also can be said of Volkmann Andreae's conducting of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Sparkling performance throughout.

The London Philharmonic Orchestra with Sir Adrian Boult, conducting, and the pianist, Peter Katin all add up to a combination of an inspired performance in the Rachmaninoff concerto. The London sound is of the best.

Another outstanding piano recording is the United Artists release featuring works by Bach and Mozart. Walter Hautzig is at the piano and he gives a distinguished performance in the four selections.

### On The Popular Side

Richmond has recorded in stereo highlights from four popular musical comedies—*The King and I*, *My Fair Lady*, *Oklahoma* and *Carousel*. These are outstanding in all respects and are quite a bargain for \$2.98 each.

Warner Bros. has two releases which feature two well known singing groups—*The Signatures* and *The Mary Kaye Trio*. The Signatures offer a pleasant selection of songs which include *April in Paris*, *Playboy*, *Black Coffee* and *Pete Kelly's Blues*.

The Mary Kaye Trio were recorded live on location in a Sunset Strip night spot. Among the selections are *Lazy River*, *I'm in Love*, *Begin the Beguine*, *Lover*, *Come Back to Me* and *You Go to My Head*.

Tops among the current popular music releases, however, is the two album release **ALL AMERICAN SHOWCASE** with Mantovani and his orchestra.

These albums are stereo versions of Monophonic recordings by the brilliant Mantovani. Highlighted is the music of Victor Herbert, Irving Berlin, Sigmund Romberg and Rudolf Friml.

The music is sweet and the sound opulent, quite typical of London engineering.

If you are a Mantovani fan (and who isn't) you'll want this album.

### Donato Ferrigno Honored At San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno was honored at the 25th anniversary banquet sponsored by Golden Lion Lodge No. 1728.

Ferrigno is a past venerable of the lodge and a Past Grand Venerable of the California Order.

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta was principal speaker. Superior Court Judge Walter Carpenetti was toastmaster.

Among the guests were Supreme Trustees Charles Palazzolo and Mrs. Giulia Besozzi.

## WINCHELL

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been able to prove that there was a Mafia, even in those days, let alone today.

On that basis the Order Sons of Italy in America takes the stand that any such material presented under the guise of entertainment can only result in the continuing slander of decent and law-abiding citizens.

### Crux of Our Case

That is the crux of our case. We are going to keep fighting. Our organization has pledged all of its resources so that right shall be done.

If necessary we will bring into play the authority vested us by the national convention of our organization—lawful boycott of the products of sponsors who make possible the continuance of programs and material which, as we have previously pointed out, serve no good purpose except to arouse racial antipathy.

I am happy to say that so far we have not been forced to bring a lawful boycott into play. This is because our program has won considerable support. There appears to be a decided change in the climate.

For example early last August we learned that the Ford Motor Co., was sponsoring a new series in the Fall. A story on the Mafia was included in this series. We wrote to the Ford Motor Co., presenting our case. Soon after we received assurance from both the Ford Motor Co., and the National Broadcasting Co., that the program on the Mafia would be shelved.

### "The Untouchables"

When the American Broadcasting Co., announced that a story on Mafia operations in Chicago would be part of "The Untouchables" series, we wrote to all the sponsors as well as the American Broadcasting Co. In these letters we outlined our objections to this particular program. This program was scheduled for showing on the night of October 29. As you know this program was not shown that night. It was announced at the time that the program "had been postponed."

We have since asked all the sponsors of "The Untouchables" to withdraw "The Noise of Death" from the series.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a number of copies of *OSIA NEWS*, the national publication of the Order Sons of Italy in America. These copies should give you a good insight on what we are trying to do.

I know that you are a busy man, but I am banking on your background as a newspaperman to read what we have to say so that you can properly evaluate our program.

For your information a copy of this letter will be published in full in the next issue of *OSIA NEWS*. I think it only fair that you should know this. In the next issue I will be only too happy to publish any comment you care to make. In the event you so decide, then I must have what you have to say no later than Dec. 12.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
A. Alfred Marcello  
National Chairman

### Holiday Greetings

## INDIANA GRAND LODGE

PETER SABAU  
Grand Venerable

EAST CHICAGO, IND.

### New Year Greetings

## VITTORIO VENETO

Lodge No. 1283

Los Angeles, Calif.

## THE MEMBERS OF GIACOMO PUCCINI LODGE NO. 1352 SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Wish Each and Everyone a  
Healthy and Prosperous  
NEW YEAR

Manuel Petralli, Venerable

### New Year Greetings

## Roma Lodge

No. 1573

LOUIS CADONA  
VENERABLE

TULARE, CALIF.

## NEW YEAR BEST WISHES

Victor  
Rossetto  
Weed, Calif.

## NEW YEAR GREETINGS VIRTUS LODGE NO. 1243

Elizabeth Bonaro  
Venerable

Mary Messina  
Recording Secretary

TACOMA, WASH.

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS Virgil Lodge No. 1586

Primo Pizzorno, venerable; James Magoonis, assistant venerable; Demetrio Magnani, ex-venerable; Nick Zunino, orator; Joseph Guzzetta, recording secretary; Al Cattalini, financial secretary; Frank Spano, treasurer; Frank Ottolini, Libero Magnani, Angelo Fondaroli, John Piccolo, Nicola Gentile, trustees; Patsy Sinaudi, Charles Maranto, masters of ceremony; Philip Chiotti, guard, Charles Maranto, chaplain.

VALLEJO, CALIF.

WE THE MEMBERS OF THE PUGLIESE LODGE  
WISH TO EXTEND TO ALL, A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## PUGLIESE LODGE No. 1375

CHRIS LOTITO, Venerable

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

## Greetings For The New Year

## VITA NUOVA

LODGE No. 1198

San Francisco, Calif.

*New Year Greetings*  
**CONNECTICUT  
GRAND LODGE**

**EDWIN T. CHARIOTT**  
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*New Year Greetings*  
**Fede E Amore**  
**Lodge**  
**No. 1505**  
SOUTHINGTON, CONN.

*Sincere Wishes  
To All Members  
Of The Order*  
**Colonna Lodge**  
**No. 184**  
DANBURY, CONN.

**SEASON'S  
GREETINGS**  
**ANITA GARIBALDI**  
**LODGE NO. 1202**  
TORRINGTON, CONN.

*A Joyous  
New Year*  
**PRINCIPESSA**  
**YOLANDA**  
**LODGE NO. 1526**  
Willimantic, Conn.

**HOLIDAY WISHES**  
**Loggia Bersaglieri Lamarmora**  
**E**  
**Giovani Italiani Lodge No. 567**  
BRISTOL, CONN.

*Season's Greetings*  
*Grand Venerable*  
**PAUL A. D'AGOSTINO**  
GREEN HARBOR, MASS.

**NEW YEAR  
GREETINGS**  
**GIUSEPPE VERDI**  
**LODGE NO. 278**  
East Weymouth, Mass.

**NEW YEAR  
BEST WISHES  
NICHOLAS F.  
BENEDETTO**  
MARLBORO, MASS

*New Year  
Best Wishes*  
**GIUSEPPE MAZZINI**  
**LODGE NO. 1115**  
REVERE, MASS.

**A JOYOUS  
NEW YEAR**  
**FRATELLI BANDERIA**  
**LODGE NO. 240**  
MARLBORO, MASS.

*Greetings For The  
New Year*  
**Milford - Victor**  
**Emmanuel III Lodge**  
**NO. 1356**  
MILFORD, MASS.

*New Year Wishes*  
**BELLA SICILIA**  
**LODGE No. 852**  
ANSONIA, CONN.

**A Joyous  
New Year**  
**WINCHESTER**  
**LODGE**  
**NO. 1580**  
WINCHESTER, MASS.

**BEST WISHES**  
**FOR THE**  
**NEW YEAR**  
**JOSEPH M.**  
**MAGALDI**  
South Braintree, Mass.

**NEW YEAR  
BEST WISHES**

**GRAND LODGE OF  
MASSACHUSETTS**

**PAUL A. D'AGOSTINO**  
**GRAND VENERABLE**  
**BOSTON, MASS.**

**BEST WISHES  
FOR THE  
NEW YEAR**  
**Modest S. Mele**  
**SUPREME TRUSTEE**  
EVERETT, MASS.

**NEW YEAR  
GREETINGS**  
**Grazia DeLeda**  
**Lodge No. 1783**  
DORCHESTER, MASS.

*Greetings For The  
New Year*  
**PATRIA**  
**E**  
**DIRITTI**  
**LODGE No. 1011**  
HYDE PARK, MASS.

*Holiday Greetings*  
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#### RECEPTION FOR TWO MASSACHUSETTS MEMBERS

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Jacobbe, East Boston, seated left, and Federal District Judge Anthony Julian, Watertown, seated center, were honored by members of the Massachusetts Grand Executive Council and chairmen of permanent commissions at a reception held in the Parker House, Boston. Monsignor Jacobbe, Grand Chaplain of the Bay State Order, was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate by Pope John XXIII. Judge Julian, a Past Grand Venerable, was recently sworn in as a Judge of the United States District Court. Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, is seated at right. Standing are, left to right, the Rev. Fr. Alfonso G. Palladino, Chaplain for the Massachusetts Junior Division; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Supreme Chaplain; Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, toastmaster, and Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Past Supreme Venerable.

#### Medford, Mass.

### Mrs. Miceli is Honored

MEDFORD, Mass.—Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., was principal speaker at the testimonial banquet honoring Second Assistant Grand Venerable Mrs. Madeline Miceli.

More than 600 persons, including Supreme and Grand Lodge officers, attended the banquet sponsored by Santa Maria Lodge No. 1570 at the Medford High School gymnasium.

The tribute was in recognition of Mrs. Miceli's recent election to the newly created post of Second Assistant Grand Venerable of the Massachusetts Order.

She has served the Grand Lodge as secretary, treasurer and president of the Junior Division, and has served as a grand deputy.

Mrs. Miceli, who joined the Santa Maria Lodge in 1941, has served the lodge as financial secretary, junior lodge supervisor and venerable.

Other speakers included Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, and Mayor John C. Carr, who presented Mrs. Miceli with a citation on behalf of the city.

John A. Volpe, Winchester, chairman of the Order's National Memorial Home Committee, was toastmaster.

Guests were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Jacobbe, Massachusetts

Grand Chaplain; Supreme Trustee Peter B. Gay, Taunton; Supreme Trustee Modest S. Mele, Everett; Ex-Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston; First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester; Grand Orator R. Alfred Campisi, Waltham; Grand Recording Secretary Miss Sophie E. Gorrasi, Woburn; Grand Financial Secretary Frank W. Liberatore, Fitchburg; Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone, Newton.

Also, Grand Trustees Mario Colombo, Beverly; Russell Juliano, Belmont; Joseph V. Nuccio, South Lynnfield; Joseph A. Toscano, Worcester; Mrs. Josephine Daniele, Weymouth; Antonio Mosca, Boston; Louis Salvatore, Brockton; Olindo Ventola, Revere, and Sheriff Howard W. Fitzpatrick, Anita Cerchione, David Brickman, Mrs. D'Agostino, Mrs. Volpe, Frank Siciliano and Mrs. Charles Malone.

Presentations to the honored guest were made by Mrs. Gemma Valenti, lodge venerable, and Miss Fannie Mattaliano, general chairman.

### Letter From Apostolic Delegate

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., received the following letter from His Excellency, Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, apostolic delegate to the United States, who was honored by the Order at a national dinner held in Washington, D. C.:

Dear Mr. Gorrasi:

I want you to know how I thoroughly enjoyed being with you at the banquet of the Order Sons of Italy in America, and wish to extend my warm congratulations on this splendid affair. It was indeed a credit, and I was pleased and very grateful to be your Guest of Honor on the occasion.

With sentiments of esteem and every best wish, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ,

E. VAGNOZZI,

Apostolic Delegate

#### New Jersey

### America Lodge Honors Palleria At Paterson

PATERSON, N. J. — Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria was honored at a testimonial banquet sponsored by members of America Lodge No. 23.

Seated at the head table were Mrs. Palleria, Grand Treasurer Nichola P. Maria, Newark; Grand Recording Secretary John Ricciardi, Montclair; City Councillor Sam Bruno, Registrar John C. Summers, Police Captain Thomas Brino, Commissioner Joseph Aquino, venerable of Paterson Lodge; Mrs. Charles J. Alfano, Prof. Beniamino Sellitti, venerable; Miss Helen Alfano, Mrs. Josephine Battaglini, Achille Guerrera, Gaetano Pettinelli, banquet chairman, and Mrs. Pettinelli.

Grand Orator Charles J. Alfano, municipal court judge, was toastmaster.

#### The Supreme Chaplain's Corner

## The Book of Your Life

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

Man's life may be compared to a book. A book has a beginning and an end, and it contains chapters which may be interesting, exciting and profitable, or, chapters which are dull, worthless and shameful. So too, man's life has a beginning at birth and an ending at death, and each year of his existence is a chapter in the book of his life. These chapters may be many or few, depending on the number of years he lives. Also, they may be good, glorious and profitable or bad and shameful, depending on how he behaves during the span of each year. Some of these chapters may be entirely blank, because he accomplishes nothing worthwhile either because he lacks the zeal, or he is too lazy to make the effort.

As we review the years of our past life, undoubtedly we shall read some chapters of which we are thoroughly ashamed. We would give anything to be able to tear out those chapters, or at least rewrite them. But, what is recorded stays. We cannot cancel it out. We cannot, but, God can. And God will cancel it out if we but show repentance and a willingness to make amends. This we do by using the means God gave us to wipe the slate clean—the Sacrament of Penance.

However, it is not sufficient to cancel out the evil chapters of our life; it is also necessary for us to write some glorious chapters in the present and in the future that remains to us which will outbalance the less worthy chapters of our life.

For this reason we welcome the New Year. It is a golden opportunity for us to correct our past errors and make proper resolutions for the coming New Year. Anyone who does not resolve to make the New Year the best and most profitable chapter in the book of his life is hopelessly lost. That is why it is better to make New Year's resolutions, even though we feel we may not keep them, than not to make any resolutions at all.

You are the author of this book of your life. It is within your power to place it on the "best seller list," or on the "condemned list."



FR. PALLOTTA

### Fr. Pietro Minozzi Dies in Italy

The Rev. Fr. Pietro Giovanni Minozzi, founder and director of the "Opera Nazionale per il Mezzogiorno" died recently in Rome, Italy.

Father Minozzi will best be remembered by members of the Order as the inspiration behind the Sons of Italy's first major national project—the erection of the Order's Memorial Orphanage at Cassino, Italy.

Delegates to the 1947 San

Francisco Supreme convention will long remember Father Minozzi for his inspired plea for Italy's underprivileged children left destitute and homeless in the aftermath of a global war.

His message sparked the Order to action and the Order raised more than a half-million dollars for the construction of an orphanage at Cassino in memory of America's war dead in that country.

Father Minozzi had assisted thousands of orphans throughout Italy during the 40 years he served as head of the orphanage program.



FR. MINOZZI

#### Apostolic Delegate's Dinner

### We Set the Record Straight

Last month OSIA NEWS carried excerpts of a speech by Judge Anthony Julian of Massachusetts at the Order's dinner to Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi in Washington, D. C.

Judge Julian was quoted as saying that the migration of Italian people to the United States "far" exceeded the total number that have come from Ireland.

This was in error. Judge Julian did not make that statement. Actually the figures quoted by Judge Julian show that 4,777,000 Italians migrated to the United States as compared to 4,617,000 from Ireland.

In another portion of his talk

Judge Julian was quoted as saying that a Charter of Labor was drafted by Cardinal Gibbons.

Reference was made to Cardinal Gibbons by Judge Julian in his speech, but OSIA NEWS misinterpreted the remarks.

Judge Julian in fact referred to the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" issued in 1891 by Pope Leo XIII. Cardinal Gibbons was mentioned by Judge Julian in connection with the Knights of Labor and the labor movement in the latter half of the 19th century.

OSIA NEWS is happy to set the record straight.

The Editor

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